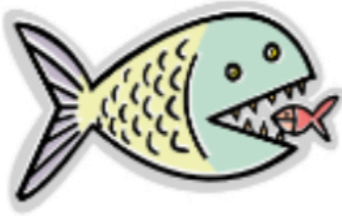


# MIDWEEK BASS ANGLERS Of Arizona



## Bass Bites



FISHING WEDNESDAY - NOT WEEKENDS!

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### President's Perspective *By Floyd Vaughan*

It was a Hot one.... Ya A HOT ONE! Welcome to Arizona bass fishing in October. A long hot day of fishing for the 27 boats who battled it out at Alamo Lake for our October tournament. The club fished from safe light until 3 PM, searching for 5 quality largemouth bass. All teams caught limits.....congratulations to all. Congratulations to the team of Eric Hively and Chris Mabry on the victory with a 5 fish bag totaling 14.26lbs., anchored by a 5.18 pound one thousand dollar big bass.

I want to say thanks to David Convery, Tom Alauria, Mike Adamson, and everyone else who helped at the cookout.

Look forward to seeing you all at Apache Lake next month!



### Secretary's Message Dale Bayless

Beautiful day out there on the water. Every team got a limit and everything went real smooth. Congratulations to the winners. Looking forward to Apache next month. it sounds like a lot of guys are going to fish this one. See you there.



### Editor's Comments

I want to thank **Jim Duel** for taking photos this month at Alamo. The photos are available for download at dropbox by clicking **here**.

I've been trying a few changes on the Bass Bites and would appreciate any feedback on what you like or what you might like to see changed.

**Monthly Breakfast Meeting**  
**Denny's Restaurant**  
**2525 W. Deer Valley Road**  
**Phoenix, AZ**  
**1st Wednesday of Each Month**  
**Meeting Starts at 8:00 A.M.**

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**FIRST PLACE (14.26#)  
And \$1000 Fish (5.18#)  
And Goon Fish (3.88# Catfish)  
Eric Hively and Chris Mabry**

**Eric Hively:** Once again, it was a great tourney on alamo. A special thanks to the guys that cooked up the burgers and brats after a HOT day fishing on the frying pan known as Alamo lake! It was appreciated!

I was paired up with Chris Mabry and on Tuesday we just looked for backup spots for the small handful of decent spots that were found on Monday. Wednesday morning we went straight to the best spot I found and pretty much caught our bag out of one stand of trees in 8-9 feet of water. A couple of smaller fish came on a spinnerbait on our way to the spot.

A frog caught the first good one, net man Chris made a huge save and netted the fish as he jumped and spit the hook, huge save!! The 2

pounder and the 5 pounder came flipping a beaver style bait.

The rest of the day was spent grinding and upgrading small fish twice and catching a 3.88 pound catfish on a jig.

I enjoyed fishing with Chris and looking forward to Apache! Thanks to the whole crew for putting on another great tourney!

**Chris Mabry:** I was lucky to be paired with Eric Hively who is high energy skilled angler and a pleasure to fish with. Unfortunately the tournament ended up being a one man show for our team with Eric catching all of the weigh in fish. Congratulations to the all of the other winning teams. Once again the weigh in team did a great job of getting the fish processed and back in the water quickly.

We pre-fished Tuesday with minimal fishing in order to create a good plan for the tournament. Most of our time was spent looking at areas and deciding which ones to delete and others to visit on tournament day.

On tournament day we went to our first spot, a clump of trees across the lake and we had it all to ourselves. I proceeded to quickly break off twice and Eric hooked into a four pound fish deep in the brush on a frog. As he was pulling it out of the water the fish spit out the hook and I was lucky enough to catch the fish in the net before it hit the water.

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We continued to fish the clump of trees and Eric hooked into a five pounder deep in the brush and quickly got it to the boat. Eric also found two more good sized fish deep in the brush but could not get them to the boat. Eric also caught a large bull frog in that clump of trees.

We then decided to go to our secondary spots and the first one was a highly occupied cove back on the ramp side of the lake. The next few either had fish not interested in biting or the fish were not present. Then we decided to go fish some deeper water areas with structure to no avail. Eric decided to fish a large flat area next which produced a couple of culls and a catfish for Eric. I caught a couple of dinks.

All in all it was a great day of hard fishing that produced a good limit of fish.

## **SECOND PLACE (12.86#)** **Laron Porter and Rick Brown**

**Laron Porter:** HOT, HOT, HOT! Nothing like fishing in record breaking October temperatures!

I was privileged to fish with Rick the stick! He was awesome company and a great fisherman.

We caught all but one fish we weighed on deep points with Carolina rigs and wobble head jigs. The other Rick caught flipping in the river. Tough day for keeping them hooked up on our boat. We had some big ones come off but had a lot of fun doing it.

Congratulations to Eric and Chris for the big W!! Thanks to everyone and Midweek for dinner on Tuesday night. Great people great times!!!

**Rick Brown:** Alamo Lake has always been a favorite of mine, and of course getting teamed up with Laron Porter is a bonus.

We started our day throwing craw type baits on a rocky point. It didn't take long and Laron put a nice 3 pound fish in the boat. We quickly moved to running the bank with top water, but no luck there. The next spot we put together a limit fairly quick, again throwing various craw type baits. We spent the rest of the day throwing top water, flipping trees in the river, and jigs and Texas rigs on points.

It was a pleasure fishing with Laron, anyone who fishes with him is in great hands. Congratulations to team Hively and Mabry for the win and the big bass.

## **THIRD PLACE (12.13#)** **Robin Jackson and Tom Atherton**

No report

## **FOURTH PLACE (12.07#)** **Travis Senft and Ray Riley**

Congratulations to the 1st place winners, Eric and Chris , also for catching the big bass. I thought it was a tough tournament and also a record hot 2 days. But everyone survived hopefully. Travis and I started the week off, by

Fishings both days Monday and Tuesday, pre fishing every random spot on the lake from the dam into the river, trying both shallow and deep water. After 2 days of not doing well, to say the least, we just started the tournament in an area just north of the take off ramp. After loosing a couple of nice fish early, it was apparent that this was where we going to spend most of the day. Luckily Travis had the magic touch and the good eyes to spot the water movement and A jumps of the fish that were close enough to throw a bait to and he capitalized on as many as possible with a large bait, the bass hit the bait as soon as it entered the water. There was zero action of any kind, for us, they wouldn't hit the drop shot or the Texas rig, its was 100% on a top water bait of some kind. Anyone lucky enough to be paired with Travis Sneft should be very grateful and appreciative, you are going to have a great day and a humbling experience. Get the net ready and hold on. Also Travis is a nice guy, takes after his dad, Gary. Compliments to everyone on the weight in team, along with everyone who helped put the tournament on,

along with the Tuesday evening grill chefs.  
Respectfully Ray Riley

## FIFTH PLACE (11.87#) Andrew Goettl and Gene Turner

**Andrew Goettl:** I met up with Gene the morning of because I really had a busy week and didn't have the opportunity to do any pre-fishing. I kind of just went off of seasonal patterns and had some help with general patterns on the lake from some friends. I have always run up river at Alamo and just scooted up to some of my familiar water.

I started out with a frog and Gene was tossing various other reaction baits. I started the morning by missing three or four strikes on the frog and was getting pretty frustrated with myself. We circled the back of the cove and I tossed my frog over a log and Gene flipped out a square bill at the same time. Lo and behold a double hook up and two twin fish right at 3 lbs.

We ran around the lake trying different things to finish out the limit, but not having the best luck. For us, bites seemed few and far between. I finally tied on a 4 inch Senko that as closely matched the dragonflies as I could find. That started putting some fish in the boat.

It wasn't a spectacular day for us at all, but those two 3 pounders kept us in the money. I really enjoyed the day with Gene and seeing you all as we bumped into each other around Alamo. I hope I am able to pull off the Apache derby next month, but 1.5 day

2023 Tournament Schedule	
Jan 18	Lake Pleasant
Feb 15	Bartlett Lake
Mar 15	Havasu
Apr 19	Alamo
May 17	Roosevelt Lake
Jun 21*	Bartlett (3 fish limit)
Jul 19**	Pleasant (3 fish limit)
Aug 16**	Saguaro (3 fish limit)
Sep 20	Roosevelt
Oct 18	Alamo
Nov 14-15	Apache or Roosevelt
* SL to 2pm.                    **SL to 11am	

tournaments during the week can be a bit much for me.

## **SIXTH PLACE (11.80#)** **Mike Bidak and Floyd Vaughn**

**Floyd Vaughn:** I was fortunate to fish with Mike Bidak for this tournament. He was kind enough to give me plenty of opportunities to use the net. Mike had 5 fish in the live well in less than 45 minutes. A crank-bait bite worked well in the early morning, later it turned into a soft plastic bite. Mike soon landed a 3 pounder on a jig. Later in the afternoon we went up the river and we caught a couple more quality fish throwing a spinner blade near trees. Mike is a skilled fisherman and a pleasure to fish with.

## **SEVENTH PLACE (11.46#)** **Victor Cunningham and Peter Gesswein**

**Victor Cunningham:** It was a warm 3 days on Alamo. Arriving on Monday, pre-fishing wasn't like it is in the spring. Found a buzz-bait and Texas rigged brush hog bite late afternoon, but no top water bite. Peter Gesswein came Tuesday morning to pre-fish. We had a good day fishing steep banks and finding fish in 6-10 feet, with drop-shot and Texas rigged creature baits. Wednesday morning, we started on a community point throwing frog's and hogs shallow. We had a limit and 9.5 lbs in 30 minutes (that never happens). Bite got tougher when the sun came up. We found fish in 2 feet of water mid day, flipping plastics. Pete and I had a

awesome day and I hope to fish with him again on the future.

Congrats to the winners and top 6. Glad everyone caught fish!

**Pete Gesswein:** I had the good fortune to fish two days with Victor Cunningham. We caught a lot of fish. Vic had 5 fish in the boat in the 1st ½ hour. We culled the rest of the day. Most fish were shallow; texas rig and drop-shot was the key. Great tournament and Vic was alot of fun.

## **FIRST BIG FISH (3.85#)** **Roger Williams and Eliseo Flores**

**Roger Williams:** Thanks again to the club for putting on a great tournament. The barbecue was awesome.

We had a good pre-fish and found that many of the bass were eating dragonflies. I used a mini-blade buzz-bait and was able to get some good blow-ups and catch fish. Senkos were also getting bit all over the lake.

On tournament day we couldn't get the bass to even look at the Senkos in the morning and the buzz-bait bite seemed to be gone. At around 9 am we caught our big fish on a buzz-bait as it went through a thick bush. We kept trying to go big, but it didn't work out this time.

Eliso was an excellent co-angler and we definitely had a great time.

## SECONG BIG FISH (3.50#) Richie Rojas and Doug Moore

**Doug Moore:** I had the great pleasure of fishing with Richie Rojas for the second time. A true gentlemen and solid fisherman. BTW, he's got some great stories after fishing Arizona lakes for 50+ years.

We started on the flats about halfway toward the dam across the lake and I caught a couple quick keepers (2 pounders) on a flick shake (purple with blue flake). We were in 20-25 feet of water and managed a couple more small ones on drop shot and the flick shake. We started moving around trying points and shallow trees. We managed a few bites and finally got a couple upgrades on drop shot and the flick shake. Things got pretty slow by 1:30 so we decided to go back where we started and Richie kept throwing his jig (green pumpkin) and it paid off at 3:05 with the 3 1/2 pounder. Great way to finish a great (albeit hot) day on the lake.

Congratulations to Eric and Chris on that nice bag and the 5 pounder. And as always, thanks to the crew for the BBQ and smooth weigh-in. And cold water...

### Goon Fish

#### Tom Aluria and Mike Hoggarth

Tom and Mike's goon fish got beat out by Eric and Chris's catfish. Tom still submitted the report below.

I want to congratulate everyone who was able to catch bigger fish and I'm anxious to read their report.

**Laughing at  
your mistakes can  
lengthen your life.  
Laughing at your  
wife's mistakes  
can shorten it.**

My partner Mike Hoffarth and I fished brush on points but the bigger fish evaded us. We were in the third flight and at 3:20 I caught a blue gill on a drop shot. I told Mike, I'm keeping it cause you never know.



# NEW MEMBERS

Loway Shammass  
Ryan Darby

EVENT LAKE ALAMO OCTOBER 18, 2023													
MIDWEEK BASS RESULTS EVENT DATE OCTOBER 2023													
Team Names													
Final Place	Boat No	Boater	Co-Angler	Number Bass Weighed	Number Bass Alive	Biggest Bass Weight	Sub Total Weight (lbs/oz)	Goon Fish (lbs/oz) (Species)	Penalty Dead Fish (4 oz per [.25])	Final Total Weight (lbs/oz)	Event Place Points	27	\$\$\$ Prizes
1	11	Eric Hively	Chris Mabry	5	5	5.18	14.26	3.88 CAT		14.26	150	1PL	\$746
2	4	Laron Porter	Rick Brown	5	5	3.03	12.86			12.86	149	5LB	\$1000
3	7	Robin Jackson	Tom Atherton	5	5	2.8	12.13			12.13	148	GF	\$100
4	10	Travis Senft	Ray Riley	5	5	3.2	12.07			12.07	147	3PL	\$298
5	20	Andrew Goettl	Gene Turner	5	5	3.03	11.87			11.87	146	4PL	\$224
6	5	Mike Bidak	Floyd Vaughan	5	5	3.08	11.80			11.80	145	5PL	\$180
7	24	Victor Cunningham	Peter Gesswein	5	5	2.56	11.46			11.46	144	6PL	\$164
8	18	Richie Rojas	Doug Moore	5	5	3.5	11.21			11.21	143	7PL	\$150
9	15	Pete Willis	Terry Johnson	5	5		10.84			10.84	142	2BF	\$294
10	1	Charles Mackintosh	Bob Cooley	5	5		10.43			10.43	141		
11	12	Joe Michels	Rusty Murdock	5	5	3.37	10.32			10.32	140		
12	28	Manny Madrid	Keith Weidert	5	5		9.79			9.79	139		
13	16	Allen Wacker	Joe Denson	5	5		9.19			9.19	138		
14	21	Bill Briggs	Dale Bayless	5	5		9.17			9.17	137		
15	22	Mitch Vitkovich	Ron Pikul	5	5	2.53	9.13			9.13	136		
16	17	Loway Shammass	Jim Pardoe	5	5		9.05			9.05	135		
16	19	Don Blume	Jeffrey Stone	5	5	2.31	9.05			9.05	135		
18	27	Roger Williams	Eliseo Flores	5	5	3.85	8.78			8.78	133	1BF	\$440
19	13	Gary Senft	Ryan Darby	5	5		8.77			8.77	132		
20	3	Steve Grier	Mike Adamson	5	5	2.72	8.65			8.65	131		
21	6	David Convery	James Clisch	5	5	2.65	8.59			8.59	130		
22	14	James Neinast	Joe Pettinato	5	5	2.9	8.49			8.49	129		
23	9	Vern Ridgway	Norm Haas	5	5		8.14			8.14	128		
24	8	Brian Presmyk	Randy Howell	5	5		7.57			7.57	127		
25	25	Tom Alauria	Mike Hoffarth	5	5		7.16	.32 BG		7.16	126		
26	2	James Duel		5	2	2.42	7.62		0.75	6.87	125		
27	26	Bavid Brakefield	Steve Ferguson	5	5		5.82			5.82	124		
<b>TOTALS</b>				135	132		264.22		0.75	263.47			\$4,090